(d) the number of bank offical who have so far bveen punished for couupti in the distribution of money though lon melas?

THE MINISTER OF £TATE IN THE MINISTRY OF/ FINANCE (SHRI JAUARDHAN POOJARI; (a) to (d) Reserve Bank of India had conducted a study on credit camps. Government after examining the study report have decided that such camps should continue to be oragnised by banks but in a more syste mafic manner so as to effectivy kind of shortcomings that creep in afew cases. " The banks provide loans in accordance with Reserve Bank of India guidelines irrespective of tjie fact whether they! are disbursed W wedifc camps or otherwise. NQ separate monitor? ing $_0$f loans disbursed in credit camp$_s$ is being done s take necessary corrective m easures -henever any stance of nol-tfbservanee of Reserve Bank of- India guidelines comesto their notice.

Private mutual funds *to* stabilise stock markets -

646. SHRI PARVATHANENI *'UP-!* ENfcRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be "pleased to state: "

a) whether Government have consi dered' any proposal to allow private mu tual funds to operate in the stock mar kets on. the same lines as financial insti tutions fop markets stabilisation;,

(b) if so, the details thereof; and"

(c) what other measures are being taken by Goverment jn the task of achieving stability in- the stock markets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND-NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Unit Trust of India (UTI) has already set up a Mutual Fund in order to provide a channel °f investment for small investors, in order to widen the choice for the investors, it has been decided that the State Bank of India should set up. a similar mutual fund.

(c) Appropriate measures are initiated whenever "necessary for the smooth funched tioning of the Stock Excnanges.

Aversion of Defence Research Establish, mentis to shore the- results

647. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI MATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether; t is a fact that the defence research establishments are averse to share the results of their research effort with the public sector undertakings; if so, what are; the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether it is a feet that the defence research organisations had, in vertain case. supplied their, research results, and specification to /private agencies 'abroad, if. "so what are* the reason- there for

' THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE Kg, SEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) No, *Sir*.

(b) DRDp provides only necessary rninimum lind. s. trictly unclassified infor mation where needed to agencies fromwhom they need components, Sub-syste-ns and systems n connection with pro grammes on hand. It is not possible to acquire relevant systems without giving some minimum details. Otherwise acquisi tion^ will become incoherent for the re quirements we have.

Promotional avenues of staff in Doordarshan.

648. SHRI CHATURANAN:, Ml-, SHRA. Will the Minister of INFOR-MATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of different categories of staff of Doordarshan and what are their promotional ave nues;

(b) whether it is a fact that. the sound recordist/VCR operators ~ are not being attached with cameraman

of Doordarshan, ifso, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the posts of lighting assistants are being abolished if so the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OP THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI. AJIT PANJA): (a) A statement showing di fferent Categories. of posts sanctioned tor Doordarshan and categories to which the avenues of promotion -ate available is enclosed as Annexure. *[See Appendix* CXLII, Annexure No. . 311. (b) No, Sir". Sound Recprdists|Erigi-
neering Assistants are deployed with Cameraman for Sound coverages.

(c) Yes, Sir. Forty-two posts of Lighting Assistants have been abolish ed keeping in view the changing needs
. of the service due to development in, *A* technology.

Depredation in the value of the rupee

ms. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR • BIRLA: SHRl V. NARAYANASAMY: SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: , Will the PRIME MINISTER be plea-. sed to state; i

(a) what was the percentage of erosion in the rupee calue against the currencies of the major industrial countries and the neighbouring Asian countries, country-wise, during the last three years;

(b) what were the reasons *Sat* the continued) depreciation of the Indian., rupee;

(c) by what percentage, with the continued depreciation of the Indian rupee there was a rise in the payments on account of trade with the rupee-payment countries; and

(d) what. masures have been taken by Governehient to stabilize the rupee value in the international market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The rupee exchange rates *vis-avis* currencies major industrial) countries as well as carrenjiies of the Asian neighbours on March 3^ 1984 and'March 31, 1987 and percentage changes in the rupee value in relation to these currencies during the last three years were as indicated to the table below:

Rupee exchange rates, vis-; a-vis *Major Industrial countries and the Neighbouring Asian countries*

(*Rs. per Unit of Foreign Currency*)

Currencies	As on 31-3-87	As on 31-3-84	%APP (+)/DEP (—) of rupee as on 31-3-87 over 31-3-198b
1	2	3	4
U.S. Dollar	12.8882	10.7315	—16.73
Pound Sterling	20.75	15.55	—25.06